

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 651

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A RESOLUTION to honor Phillip Andrew "Andy" Herron on
attaining the rank of Eagle Scout.

WHEREAS, at a time when this nation's youth face difficult challenges, the Boy Scouts of America is one of our finest assets, providing young people with an educational program that contributes significantly to their character development, citizenship training, and improved mental and physical fitness; and

WHEREAS, the highest rank a Scout can attain in the Boy Scouts of America Scouts BSA program is that of Eagle Scout, and Phillip Andrew "Andy" Herron, after considerable effort and diligent preparation, has joined the prestigious Eagle Court of Honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herron has been in Scouting since first grade; he completed every Cub Scout rank, and in 2016, he joined Boy Scout Troop 87, dedicating much of his time to the troop and earning twenty-five merit badges; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Andy Herron has served his troop as Quartermaster and Patrol Leader; he is a member of the Order of the Arrow, having attained both Ordeal and Brotherhood membership; and

WHEREAS, Andy's Eagle project greatly contributed to the betterment of his community, reflected the true spirit of volunteerism, and proved to be a formidable, yet attainable, challenge; his project focused on the safety of the members of his church, Fairview United Methodist in Maryville, where the community was unable to safely access their outdoor recreational space called "The Valley"; and

WHEREAS, The Valley is situated on a steep hill with a French drain; Mr. Herron coordinated the construction of a 215-foot gravel walkway and, in order to prevent erosion, installed riprap and built a retaining wall of landscape timbers; and

WHEREAS, Andy's project took a total of eight weeks and 169 volunteer hours to complete, all while managing thirty-eight volunteers, including sixteen Boy Scouts from his troop; Andy secured donations of materials and equipment from individuals and businesses, including Home Depot, Lowe's, and Vulcan, raising a total of \$500 but spending only \$220; and

WHEREAS, he donated the remaining balance from his Eagle project to Fairview United Methodist Church for continued development of The Valley, which the church plans to open to the public; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his Scouting activities, Mr. Herron is a student athlete and musician at Clayton-Bradley Academy (CBA), where he plays the upright bass for the Chamber Strings Orchestra and is a leader on the varsity basketball team; and

WHEREAS, in February 2020, Andy Herron was named Tennessee Association of Private School Athletics' All-Tournament Player and won *Knoxville News Sentinel's* PrepXtra Player of the Week for assisting his team in a historic win for the school with a double-double; and

WHEREAS, a valued team player both on and off the court, Mr. Herron resumed playing CBA basketball this fall as a top defender, and the team is having a record-breaking season; and

WHEREAS, as Andy Herron looks to the future, he recognizes the need for skilled tradesmen and is interested in combining a bachelor's degree with trade school certification; with an affinity for serving others, he is also exploring military service; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that we should recognize Andy Herron as one of the most outstanding young people in our State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Phillip Andrew "Andy" Herron on becoming an Eagle Scout and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.